for a length of 153 kms have also been identified for four laning under NHDP phase IIA, which is targeted for completion by December 2009 and 101 kms are to be four laned under NHDP phase IIIB for which NHAI has been asked to prepare Detailed Project Report.

For the State of Bihar, National Highways for a length of 717 kms have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase I (Golden Quadrilateral) and NHDP Phase II (East-west Corridor), which is targeted for four laning by December 2008. The National Highways for length of 890 kms has also been identified for four laning under NHDP phase IIIA, which is targeted for four laning by December, 2009.

National Highways in Bihar

2628. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI propose to repair the NH-28 in Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Pipra Kothi and Raxaul;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-maintenance of this road the plying of vehicles has become extremely difficult thereon; and

(c) if so, the steps that are being taken for its immediate repair and proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Hajipur and Muzaffarpur are connected by NH-77 and not by NH-28 as mentioned in the question, and this section of NH is being maintained by the National Highway Wing of the Road Construction Department (RCD), Government of Bihar, from the M&R funds placed at the disposal of State Government by the Ministry. An IRQP work in 25 km length has been sanctioned for this road for Rs. 526.69 lakhs in the current year, 2005-06.

The NH-28 connecting Muzaffarpur and Pipra Kothi is part of East-West Corridor. For repair of NH-28 as part of East West Corridor in Bihar, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has sanctioned Rs. 80.00 lakhs for the year 2005-06 and the work is being executed by the State RCD, Government of Bihar.

For repair of NH-28A between Pipra Kothi and Raxaul, NHAI has sanctioned Rs. 34 lakhs under ordinary repair during the current year.

(b) Though some stretches of NH-28A are damaged due to recent rains, the National Highways connecting Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Pipra Kothi and Raxaul are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) With execution of repair works on NH-28, 28A and IRQP work on NH-77, the condition of these roads is likely to improve further.

National Highways in Kerala

2629. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala;

(b) the extent to which it has been converted into four lane;

(c) the details of the plan, if any, to convert the entire National Highways in Kerala into four lane; and

(d) by when the plan is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala is 1547 kms.

(b) 52 kms length of National Highway No. 47 has been converted into four lane.

(c) and (d) There is no plan to convert the entire length of National Highways in kerala State into four lane as the same will be done in a phased manner depending upon traffic volume subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority of works. However, the following stretches of national Highways in Kerala have been identified for four laning under National Highways Development Project (NHDP):—

(i) 168 kms NH-47 (Salem-Kochi spur) has been included as part of North-South corridor under NHDP Phase-II and 10 km as part of